

## **MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE**

**Tuesday, April 19, 2005**

**4:12 p.m.**

**Room 307 House Office Building, Lansing**

Representative Nitz, Chair, called the meeting to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Newell, Casperson, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Mayes, Spade, Kathleen Law, Sheltroun. (11/11)**

Representative Newell made a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 12, 2005, supported by Representative Spade. No objections being offered, a unanimous ballot was cast to accept the minutes as presented.

The Chair laid HB 4560, HB 4562, HB 4567 and HB 4613 before the Committee.

HB 4560	Moore	Natural resources; nonnative species; violations of emerald ash borer quarantine; revise penalties for.
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HB 4562	Newell	Natural resources; nonnative species; moving emerald ash borer, firewood, or quarantined articles; revise penalties for.
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HB 4567	Booher	Natural resources; nonnative species; sentencing guidelines for crimes of violating insect and plant pest quarantines; establish.
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HB 4613	Caul	State agencies (existing); agriculture; state civil infraction citations; authorize to issue.
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Representative Moore spoke to the Committee regarding HB 4560 and answered questions from members.

Ken Rauscher, representing the Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) Pesticide and Plant Management Division, spoke to the Committee in support of HB 4560, HB 4562, HB 4567 and HB 4613.

Tonia Ritter, representing the Michigan Farm Bureau, submitted a card indicating a neutral position on HB 4560, HB 4562, HB 4567 and HB 4613.

Amy Frankmann, representing the Michigan Nursery and Landscape Association, submitted a card in support of HB 4560, HB 4562, HB 4567 and HB 4613.

Patrick Tiedt, representing Representative Darwin Booher, submitted a card in support of HB 4567.

David Newman, representing the Michigan Department of Corrections, submitted a card indicating a neutral position on HB 4567.

Representative Stahl made a motion to report HB 4560 with recommendation, supported by Representative Law.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Newell, Casperson, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Mayes, Spade, Kathleen Law. (10/11)**

**Nays: None. (0/11)**

**Pass: None. (0/11) (10/0/0)**

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Law made a motion to report HB 4562 with recommendation, supported by Representative Mayes.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Newell, Casperson, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Mayes, Spade, Kathleen Law. (10/11)**

**Nays: None. (0/11)**

**Pass: None. (0/11) (10/0/0)**

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Newell made a motion to report HB 4613 with recommendation, supported by Representative Ball.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Newell, Casperson, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Mayes, Spade, Kathleen Law. (10/11)**

**Nays: None. (0/11)**

**Pass: None. (0/11) (10/0/0)**

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Casperson made a motion to adopt HB 4567 (H-1), supported by Representative Stahl.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Newell, Casperson, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Mayes, Spade, Kathleen Law. (10/11)**

**Nays: None. (0/11)**

**Pass: None. (0/11) (10/0/0)**

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Representative Proos made a motion to report HB 4567 (H-1) with recommendation, supported by Representative Spade.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Newell, Casperson, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Mayes, Spade, Kathleen Law, Sheltroun. (11/11)**

**Nays: None. (0/11)**

**Pass: None. (0/11) (11/0/0)**

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

The Chair laid HB 4366 before the Committee.

HB 4366   Caul                      Liens; other; horseshoer's lien act; repeal.

Ryan Wenburg, representing Representative Caul, spoke briefly in support of HB 4366.

Representative Stahl made a motion to report HB 4366 with recommendation, supported by Representative Mayes.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**Yeas: Representatives Nitz, Ball, Newell, Casperson, Stahl, Proos, Hune, Mayes, Spade, Sheltroun. (10/11)**

**Nays: None. (0/11)**

**Pass: Representative Kathleen Law. (1/11) (10/0/1)**

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the motion prevailed.

Mark Flegenheimer, representing the Michigan Sugar Company, provided a presentation on Michigan Sugar. Topics discussed included production of Michigan sugar, the sugar market and the economic impact of sugar production. Questions were answered for Committee members.

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There being no additional business before the Committee, Chair Nitz declared the meeting adjourned, the time being 5:02 p.m.

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Representative Neal Nitz, Chair

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